

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Ichiro ATOBE et al.

Application No.: 10/767,057

Confirmation No.: 005480

Filed: January 30, 2004

Art Unit: 1731

For: CIGARETTE FILTER

Examiner: D. W. Mayes

AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2007 and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), the period for reply having been extended three (3) months to August 23, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks with regard to the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.